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The Honorable Cecil D Andrus
Governor of Idaho
Statehouse
Boise, Idaho 83720

Dear Governor Andrus

I received the response to my letter of May 2 1988, and I was very impressed by the extensive research that must have been done by Mr. Kiebert.

As a result of Mr Kiebert's very fine letter, I have done further research on my own.

Mr. Kiebert's letter was basically very correct, and appears to cover the complete picture, however there are some points not mentioned.

The story persists that the Milwaukee Railroad was sold under terms of a bankruptcie, which in not so. The railroad was sold by trustees, appointed by a Congressional committee, created in part by Idaho's Senator McClure. Senator McClure had this action orchestrated and tied to a bill that could not be Vetoed. This piece of information comes from a good buddy of senator McClure, a Mr Edwards. The same Mr Edwards who bought the right-of-way from Mr Marshall, after Mr Marshall had ripped off all of the cream he could. Mr Kiebert also did not know, or thought it not important to identify the party who received the \$3.7 million settlement from the Forest Service being this same Mr Edwards.

Now the plot begins to get very thick. Somehow this property which was taken from private citizens, for the purpose of building a railroad, and I am sure a provision was made to return this land to the original owners or there heirs. Somehow this did not happen, with this particular transaction, and Mr Edwards, or Edwards Investment Co, still owns large pieces of this right-of-way. Particularly in Montana.

Do you suppose someone should ask Senator McClure just what his motive was, and or what he would possibly hope to gain from wasting his valuable time away from his dedicated duty to the tax payers of Idaho. This action by a U.S. Senator, which could do nothing but cost tax payers all over the United States millions of dollars, to retrieve dedicated that should have by right, been returned to there rightful owners.

Mr Kiebert points out that considerable amounts of scraps and track material has accumulated over the past 70 years, it is not very difficult to follow a set of modern Cat tracks to a pile of rubble, and ascertain that the scrap was not dumped 25 on 30 years age.

Mr Kieberts also points out that this cleanup is a long time effort, and I believe he is correct, however the State of Idaho has let highway contracts in that area, and some of the cleanup costs have got to be born by the tax payers of Idaho, now or later.

Governor Ted Schwinden of Montana stated in his response to my letter that the tough part is in finding the guilty parties. I believe the facts speak for themselves. In closing let me say that this letter is by no means ment to criticize Mr Kiebert, or any one involved in this situation, and again I wish to commend Mr Kiebert on his fine report, and to thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to answer my letter

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Yours Sincerely

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